

**MINUTES
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
March 8, 2016**

Chairman John Harley called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Handouts were distributed to include: (1) Agenda; (2) Minutes of the October 21, 2015 meeting; (3) 2016 Meeting Schedule; (4) FY17 UPWP; (5) 2015 Accident Report; and (6) WRATS Project Status Report.

ATTENDEES

Jessica Bird	Decius Aaron	John Pugh	Bill Mulkey
Vivian Canizares	Krystal Harris	John R. Harley	Jack Reed
Tommy Stalnaker	Daniel Dobbins	Randy Toms	Cam Yearty
Roy Lewis			

Mr. John Pugh, 78th Mission Support Group Deputy Director, asked about the resurfacing of SR-247C/Watson Boulevard. He thought that the work was supposed to begin last November. Mr. Jack Reed, GDOT District 3 Planning and Programming Engineer, explained that the contract was let then, but that the work would likely begin this spring because the temperatures at night, which is when the work will be completed, had been too cold for asphalt production.

A motion was made by Mr. Tommy Stalnaker and seconded by Mr. Cam Yearty to approve the October 21, 2015 minutes as circulated. The motion was passed unanimously.

2016 WRATS Meeting Schedule

Ms. Jessica Bird announced that the PC meetings in May, August, and November would be located at Perry City Hall, the Houston County Annex, and Byron City Hall, respectively. Ms. Bird said that she would mail meeting notices to committee members two weeks before each meeting.

Adoption of FY 2017 UPWP

According to Ms. Jessica Bird, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a planning document that the MPO produces each year. The document covers work to be performed by the MPO from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and includes information such as the various tasks to be conducted and the anticipated costs and funding sources for each task. Ms. Bird explained the FAST Act and that the MPO is moving toward a performance-based planning and programming process. She also discussed the three Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) and how the MPO has and will continue to consider each. She stated that the total budget for the FY 17 UPWP is \$96,625.00 with a twenty percent local match of \$19,325.

Chairman Harley asked Mr. Cam Yearty with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission how many of the local jurisdictions in the MPO study area have passed anti-idling

policies. Mr. Yearty said that he would check and report that information to Ms. Jessica Bird.

Ms. Bird announced that the document had already been submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). She said that both GDOT and FHWA commented on the draft document and the MPO has already adequately addressed their comments.

Mr. Tommy Stalnaker made a motion to adopt the FY 2017 UPWP. Mr. Randy Toms seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2015 Accident Report

Ms. Jessica Bird explained that this report was created by compiling accident data for Centerville, Perry, Warner Robins and Houston County. She mentioned that certain intersections are usually near the top of the list although the exact ranking changes from year to year. Ms. Bird said that the total number of accidents had increased by 94 from last year.

Mr. Tommy Stalnaker commented that it is important to remember that some of the intersections listed on the report experience very large traffic volumes daily. Therefore, think about the accidents in terms of a percentage as opposed to just focusing on the count.

Update on WRATS Project Status Report

Mr. Jack Reed, GDOT District 3 Planning and Programming Engineer, provided a project report with project manager comments to the committee members and briefly reported on each project. Mr. Reed announced the construction status of the SR-96 widening project.

- Phase I (I-75 to Lake Joy Road): 81% complete with anticipated completion date of July 31, 2016
- Phase II (Lake Joy Road to Moody Road): 80% complete with anticipated completion date of May 31, 2016
- Phase III (Moody Road to Thompson Mill Road): 61% complete with anticipated completion date of April 30, 2017

Mr. Reed also offered to answer questions and/or provide more information pertaining to other projects.

Mr. Tommy Stalnaker said that he is still getting calls about the needed repair of the bridge on SR-247 at Sandy Run Creek, particularly from the Houston County Board of Education. They are concerned about school busses crossing the bridge, he continued. Mr. Stalnaker explained that he has told them that GDOT would not allow people to use the bridge if it thought that the bridge was unsafe. Mr. Jack Reed agreed with Mr. Stalnaker and stated that there is a large safety factor in the load ratings of bridges.

There being no further business, Chairman John Harley adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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